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**MARK CARISSIMI IS APPOINTED
NLRB ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

The National Labor Relations Board today announced the appointment of Mark Carissimi as an administrative law judge. Judge Carissimi transferred to the Board from a similar position with the Social Security Administration. His appointment brings the number of judges in the Board's Division of Judges to 39 nationwide. As recently as September of 2005, the Division employed 50 judges.

The Division of Judges, which has offices in Washington, D.C., New York City, San Francisco and Atlanta, is responsible for docketing unfair labor practice cases brought by the Board's General Counsel on charges filed by unions, employers and individual employees. The Judges Division disposes of those cases, either by settlement or by conducting trials and issuing initial decisions, which may then be appealed to the five-member Board and thereafter to an appropriate United States Court of Appeals.

Before Judge Carissimi was appointed a Social Security judge in April 2005, he spent 28 years with the Board in various positions. He started at the Board as a staff counsel to Member John Penello, and then served as a trial attorney in Region 5 (Baltimore, MD) and a trial attorney and supervisor in Region 8. When he was appointed a Social Security judge, he had served as Deputy Regional Attorney in Region 8 (Cleveland, OH) since September 1999. He received his B.A. degree from Ohio State University in 1973 and his J.D. degree, cum laude, from Cleveland-Marshall Law School in 1976.

Judge Carissimi is married to the former Jill Gabbard and they have one grown son. He will take his assignments from the Washington, D.C. office of the Division of Judges.

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